WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:



- 1. A consumer apparatus responsive to a user-input for initiating retrieval of data from a server under control of a predetermined URL specific to a type of the apparatus, the data representing content information about the context of usage of the apparatus.
- 2. The apparatus of claim 1, comprising an Internet-access functionality.
- 3. The apparatus of claim 1, comprising a memory for storage of the URL.
- 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein:
- the apparatus has a remote control device; and
- the device has a dedicated button for initiating the retrieval of the data.
- 5. A proxy device for representing an apparatus on a home network, wherein the proxy is responsive to a user-input for initiating, via a gateway, retrieval of data from a server under control of a predetermined URL specific to a type of the apparatus represented.
- 6. The proxy of claim 5, wherein the data represents content information about the context of usage of the apparatus.
- 7. The proxy of claim 5, storing the URL.
- 8. The proxy of claim 7, wherein the URL is programmable.
- 9. The proxy of claim 5, responsive to a wireless signal.
- 10. The proxy of claim 9, for transmitting a further signal with a unique identifier upon receiving the signal.

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- 11. A remote control device for control of a consumer apparatus, wherein:
- the device has a key dedicated to initiating, via the apparatus, retrieval of data from a server;
- the data represents content information specific to the context of usage of the apparatus.
- 12. The device of claim-11, storing an identifier representative of a URL of a file at the server.
- 13. A method of enabling a service provider to provide a service via the Internet to a user of a consumer apparatus, the method comprising:
- enabling the user to initiate via the apparatus sending of a request with an identifier representative of a type of the apparatus to a server on the Internet; and
- upon receipt of the request by the server initiating user access to a web page with content information about a context of using the apparatus.
- 14. The method of claim 13, comprising creating a data base of the type per user.
- 15. The method of claim 13, comprising creating a data base of URLs per user.
- 16. The method of claim 13, comprising providing the apparatus with an identifier for a web page.